

Claims

1. A global travel reporting system,  
comprising:

- at least one traveler client system in  
5 communication with a central database server system;  
a mainframe gateway server system in  
communication with a mainframe system and said central  
database server system;  
a corporate charge card provider in  
10 communication with said mainframe system to provide  
traveler charge card transaction data;  
a corporate banking provider in  
communication with said mainframe system for receiving  
payment direction and said central database server  
15 system provides general ledger transaction processing,  
reimbursement processing, and payment processing and  
directs payment from said corporate bank provider to  
said corporate charge card provider.

20 2. The global travel reporting system of  
Claim 1, wherein said traveler client system downloads  
said traveler charge card transaction data from said  
central database server system to create an expense  
book.

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3. The global travel reporting system of  
Claim 2, wherein said expense book is created without  
a hypothecation of foreign exchange rates.

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4. The global travel reporting system of  
Claim 2, wherein a connection to said mainframe system  
via said central database server system and said  
mainframe gateway server system by said traveler  
5 client system provides submission of said expense book  
with an automatic review and editing of information  
entered into said expense book.

5. The global travel reporting system of  
10 Claim 2, wherein said traveler client system submits  
said expense book to said central database server  
system for processing.

6. The global travel reporting system of  
15 Claim 1, wherein said central database server system  
provides said payment direction to payroll and  
reimburses travelers' bank account for said traveler's  
out-of-pocket expenses via said reimbursement  
processing and pays said corporate charge card  
20 provider for said traveler charge card transactions  
via said payment processing.

7. The global travel reporting system of  
Claim 1, wherein said corporate charge card provider  
25 further provides valid cardholder information via said  
dedicated connection.

8. The global travel reporting system of  
Claim 1, further comprising a corporate mailhub server  
30 system including at least one copy of a corporate

email directory in communication with said central database server system.

9. The global travel reporting system of Claim 8, wherein said corporate email directory is  
5 utilized by said central database server system to automatically send notifications regarding expense book incompleteness, approval, and rejection.

10. A method for global travel reporting,  
10 comprising:  
communicating with a central database server system from at least one traveler client system, said central database server system in communication with a mainframe gateway server system, said mainframe  
15 gateway server system in communication with a mainframe system;  
providing traveler charge card transaction data to said mainframe system in communication with a corporate charge card provider;  
20 providing general ledger processing, reimbursement processing, and payment processing by said central database server system; and  
providing payment direction from said corporate banking provider to said corporate charge  
25 card provider by said central database server system.

11. The global travel reporting method of Claim 10, further comprising downloading said traveler charge card transaction data from said central

database server system into said traveler client system to create an expense book.

12. The global travel reporting method of  
5 Claim 11, further comprising creating said expense book without a hypothecation of foreign exchange rates.

13. The global travel reporting method of  
10 Claim 11, further comprising reviewing and automatically editing information entered into said expense book through connection to said mainframe system via said central database server system and said mainframe gateway server system by said traveler  
15 client system for submission of said expense book.

14. The global travel reporting method of  
Claim 11, further including submitting said expense book from said traveler client system to said central  
20 database server system for processing.

15. The global travel reporting method of  
Claim 10, further including reimbursing a traveler's bank account for traveler out-of-pocket expenses via  
25 said reimbursement processing and paying said corporate charge card provider for traveler charge card transactions via said payment processing by providing said payment direction to said corporate banking provider.

16. The global travel reporting method of Claim 10, further including providing valid cardholder information via said dedicated connection from said corporate charge card provider.

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17. The global travel reporting method of Claim 10, further including receiving from a corporate mailhub server system in communication with said central database server system at least one copy of a corporate email directory.

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18. The global travel reporting method of Claim 17, further including notifying a traveler automatically regarding expense book incompleteness, approval, and rejection via said central database server system using said corporate email directory.

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19. Computer-readable media tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a computer to perform global travel reporting, the program of instructions embodied in computer-readable media performing the sequence, comprising:

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downloading traveler charge card transaction data from a central database server system to create an expense book, said traveler charge card transaction data obtained by said central database server system directly from a corporate charge card provider and having currency data for application to the corresponding traveler charge card transaction; and

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automatically reimbursing said corporate charge card provider from a corporate banking provider for said traveler charge card transaction.

5           20. A computer programmed to execute global travel reporting, the computer having the program performing the sequence, comprising:

          downloading traveler charge card transaction data from a central database server system to create  
10   an expense book, said traveler charge card transaction data obtained by said central database server system directly from a corporate charge card provider and having currency data for application to the corresponding traveler charge card transaction; and

15           automatically reimbursing said corporate charge card provider from a corporate banking provider for said traveler charge card transaction.

          21. Computer-readable media tangibly  
20   embodying an interface program of instructions executable by the machine to provide a graphical user interface to a computer program for global travel reporting, the interface program of instructions embodied in computer-readable media performing the  
25   sequence, comprising:

          displaying icons and questions on the visual display unit at a traveler client system; and

          obtaining data from the traveler, in response to said displaying, and providing the  
30   traveler data to the computer program, where the

computer program, based on said traveler data,  
includes downloading traveler charge card transaction  
data from a central database server system to create  
an expense book, said traveler charge card transaction  
5 data obtained by said central database server system  
directly from a corporate charge card provider and  
having currency data for application to the  
corresponding traveler charge card transaction and  
reimbursing automatically said corporate charge card  
10 provider from a corporate banking provider for said  
traveler charge card transaction.

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